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Editorial Comment

KEEPING UP

In Richmond last week the writer made it a point to visit the educational exhibits at the state convention of school teachers. It was most interesting to study the physical facilities available for teachers and it would have been worthwhile to have more rural and community teachers attend these meetings. The result would possibly be more "grass roots pressure" for modern equipment for all schools. Great attention is being paid to the new audio-visual program in Virginia. Equipment for this program was a feature of the exhibits. Virginia is making forward progress in education, and already new methods and new types of equipment available to the rural pupils.

Word of advice: not even to buy Christmas gifts; don't cash in your War Bonds.

NOT SO BAD

Despite continued talk of shortages, most stores we have visited are having an excellent pre-Christmas trade. There are more shoppers than we have ever seen before; they seem to be well supplied with cash; and they seem to be finding things to buy.

BUILDING COSTS

From Winchester Star
Richard J. Gray, president of the AFL's building and construction trades department, has cheerfully predicted that construction costs are headed for a drop "as soon as the manufacturers' establish an even and adequate flow of materials." There is a solid basis for this optimism. Building costs, which have been skyrocketing for years, can come down—in fact they must if new homes are to be within the reach of most people.

It would be idle to contend that construction costs can be rolled back all the way to where they were before the war. At the present level of wages and material prices, costs are certain to continue to be higher than they were six years ago.

But some of the high cost of building at the present time is attributable to other causes. One reason why construction is expensive is that shortages of key materials disrupt schedules and result in a lot of waste time. Another is that many workers are less efficient and productive than before the war.

There is a reasonable chance that both of these conditions, which add materially to construction cost, will be cured within the "ear or two." Moreover, there are many men in the building industry today who are looking for more efficient and less costly methods of providing Americans new homes. The potentialities of mass production in the industry have barely been tapped.

For this and other reasons it seems likely that the tide which has carried construction costs to new peaks will turn before long. How long will be required for this to be second-hand depends largely on whether uninterrupted production

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IMPROVED
SUNDAY
SCHOOL Lesson

By HAROLD L. LUNDQUIST, D. D.
The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago
Released by Western Newspaper Union

Lesson for December 8

Lesson subjects and Scripture texts recommended by the National Sunday School Association, Inc., for use in the Sunday School.

PAUL ADMONISHES THE CHURCHES

LESSON TEXT—1 Corinthians 11:20-27
MEMORY SELECTION—Let us walk honestly, as in the day—Romans 13:12

Temperance is readily taught from the epistles of Paul for he was constantly moved by the Holy Spirit to exhort the churches and individual Christians to a careful and worthy walk before God.

In doing so he was not afraid to speak plainly about the use of intoxicants. Perhaps his brethren in the ministry today should consider him and take courage.

There was a number of disorderly things about the Corinthian church which needed correction. One of these concerned the Lord's Supper. A time which should have given them a blessed unity in fellowship and love had become just the opposite.

It was their custom to eat a so-called love feast before the sacrament, and instead of making it a time of loving and sharing, the rich ate their sumptuous meals and let a poor brother gnaw on a crust of bread.

Then feasting led, as it so often does, to excesses. Some became drunk on the wine and even partook of the Lord's Supper while intoxicated.

We are not so much concerned with the Lord's Supper in this lesson as we are with the behavior of those who attended. Think of coming to the holy table drunk! It seems impossible, and yet it happened.

Do we not still let the poor in our midst shift pretty well for themselves? The rich flaunt their affluence and let the poor get along on their crust of bread. The church needs to renew its spiritual appreciation of what fellowship and communion really means.

II. The Wrong Way and the Right Way—in the Community (Rom. 13:14).

This chapter of the epistle to the Romans concerns the right behavior of the believer in his civic relationships. He is a citizen of heaven, but he is also a member of the community in which he lives.

What is the explanation? Is liquor any less destructive and demoralizing? Certainly not! Is it true that people are more candid and open about what they do? No, it is rather that moral standards have slipped to the point where they are no longer ashamed when they should be, if they thought straight! Along with the liquor go all the things enumerated in verse 13. Oh, the awful depth of sex degradation, of plain ordinary indecency and dishonesty, of strife and envy. It is not a nice picture, but it is true.

The right way is found in verse 14. It was reading these two verses in his mother's open Bible that led Augustine to Christ. He saw and took the right way. Will others do likewise?

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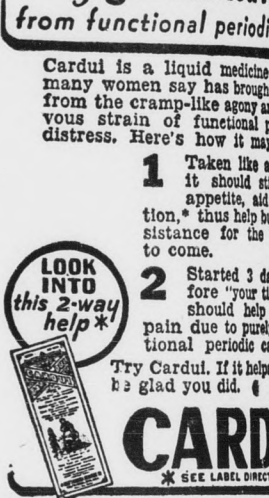
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Scientists Seek More Atomic Secrets



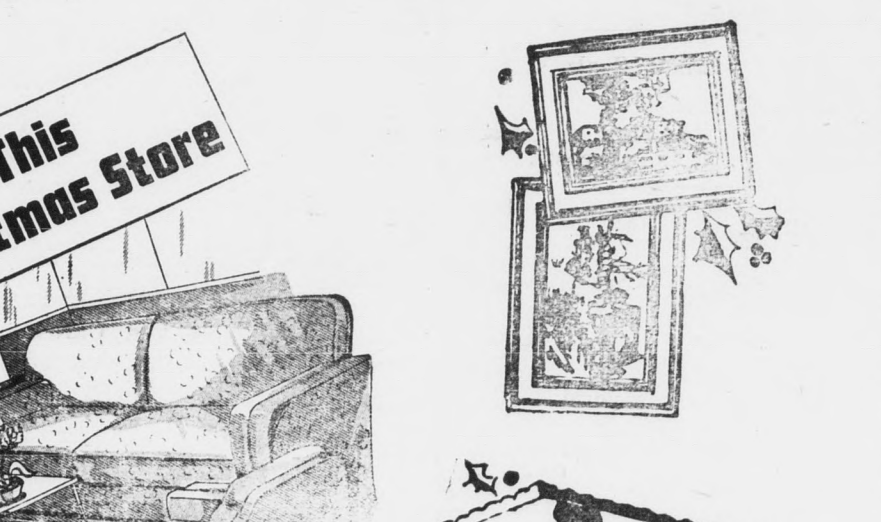
This futuristic contraption is a model of a machine that will enable scientists to go a step beyond atom-smashing, and study sub-nuclear particles. It will be called the "synchrotron" and will produce energy similar to cosmic rays, employing a current of 200 million volts. It is under construction at U. of Michigan at Ann Arbor, Mich. The applied physics laboratory of Johns Hopkins university is collaborating in the project.

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Buy Christmas Seals

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

How to
Stop Worrying

I guess folks in our town do about as much worrying as in yours—over housing and prices, and crops, and this—and that. It's a domestic problem that is always coming up. Dad Hooking, who's lived to the happy age of eighty, has a simple story to tell. He says that about every problem, he asks himself: Is there anything I can do about it? If there is, he never worries. If there is no action, or taking necessary action.

If there isn't anything he can do about it, he sets aside a "worrying hour" after dinner, and gets his worrying over in one concentrated period. When that's over, he relaxes over a friendly glass of beer with Ma Hooking—and they talk about pleasant things together, until bedtime.

From where I sit, that's a workable formula as you could find... right down to the mellow phase of beer that seems to wink away your worries.

Joe Marsh

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